- 1 1. A print system, comprising:
- 2 a print server;
- 3 at least one printer connected to the print server;
- a plurality of computers connected to the print
- 5 server;
- the print server includes a job observation
- 7 stationary module for monitoring the status of the
- 8 printer connected to the print server; and
- each of the computers includes a status monitor for
- 10 displaying the status of the printer connected to the
- 11 print server.
- 1 2. The print system of c_1 aim 1, further comprising a
- 2 plurality of printers connected to the print server.
- 1 3. The print system of claim 2, further comprising
- 2 means for a user of one of the plurality of computers to
- 3 designate a particular one of the plurality of printers
- 4 for a particular print job.
- 1 4. The print system of claim 1, further comprising
- 2 means for a user of one of the plurality of computers to
- 3 pestpone a particular print job.

- 1 5. The print system of claim 2, further comprising
- 2 means for a user of one of the plurality of computers to
- 3 postpone a particular print job.
- 1 6. The print system of claim 1, wherein the status
- 2 monitor of each of the plurality of computers includes
- 3 means for displaying an operating condition, a trouble
- 4 condition, and a waiting time for the printer
- 1 7. The print system of claim 1, wherein the print
- 2 server includes means for sending a registration request
- 3 to each of the plurality of computers.
- 1 8. The print system of claim 7, wherein each of the
- 2 plurality of computers includes means for sending a
- 3 registration signal to the print server in response to
- 4 the registration request.
- 1 9. The print system of claim 1, wherein each of the
- 2 plurality of computers includes means for sending a
- 3 registration signal to the print server.

- 1 10. The print system of claim 1, wherein the print
- 2 server includes means for calculating a waiting time for
- 3 availability of the printer.
- 1 11. A method of controlling a print system, comprising
- 2 the steps of:
- monitoring a status of at least one printer with a
- 4 print server;
- 5 sending the status of the printer to a plurality of
- 6 computers connected to the print server; and
- 7 displaying the status of the printer connected to
- 8 the print server.
- 1 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the monitoring step
- 2 includes monitoring a status of printers
- 3 with the print server.
- 1 13. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step
- 2 of designating a particular one of the plurality of
- 3 printers for a particular print job.

1 14. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step

of postponing a particular print job.

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- 1 15. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step.
- 2 of displaying on at least one of the plurality of
- 3 computers an operating condition, a trouble condition, and a waiting time for the printer.
- 1 16. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step
- 2 of displaying on at least one of the plurality of
- 3 computers an operating condition, a trouble condition,
- 4 and a waiting time for each of the plurality of
- 5 printers.
- 1 17. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step
- 2 of sending a registration request from the print server
- 3 to each of the plurality of computers.
- 1 18. The method of claim 17, further comprising the step
- 2 of sending a registration signal from at least one of
- 3 the plurality of computers to the print server in
- 4 response to the registration request.
- 1 19. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step
- 2 of sending a registration signal from at least one of
- 3 the plurality of computers to the print server.

- 1 20. The method of claim 11, further comprising the step
- 2 of calculating a waiting time for availability of the
- 3 printer.
- 1 21. The method of claim 12, further comprising the step
- 2 of calculating a waiting time for availability of each
- 3 of the plurality of printers.

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